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1. WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION REGARDING DECEMBER 25 POLICE CHECK OF SCHOOLS AT ADI BUT, AS GOZ HAD DECLARED THAT DATE NORMAL SCHOOL DAY, COMPLIANCE CHECK WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN EXCEPTIONAL.

2. USIS KISANGANI REPORT CONFIRMS MURDER BELGIAN CATHOLIC MISSIONARY AT DUNGU DECEMBER 31; APPARENT MOTIVE ROBBERY. NO INDICATION OF INVOLVEMENT BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL.

3. NO SPECIFIC CONFIRMATION INCIDENTS AT LINGA OR ESSEBI, BUT THESE APPEAR TO BE OF A KIND WITH OTHER REPORTED INSTANCES OF OVER-ZEALOUS APPLICATION OF POLITICAL BUREAU DECISION BANNING DISPLAY OF RELIGIOUS PORTRAITS AND CRUCIFIXES IN PUBLIC PLACES. PRESIDENT MOBUTU IN JANUARY 15 STATEMENT NOTED ZAIRE'S STATUS AS LAY STATE,
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BUT DENIED ANI-RELIGIOUS BIAS AND ASKED THAT ABUSIVE APPLICATION OF DECREES BE REPORTED TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES.

ON JANUARY 25 REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FOR UPPER ZAIRE
COMPLETED FOUR DAY TOUR OF AREA IN QUESTION FOR PURPOSE
OF EXPLAINING POLITICAL BUREAU DECISIONS.

4. CONSULATE BUKAVU AWARE OF NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING
MISSIONARIES OR OTHER AMCITS ALONG ZAIRE/UGANDA BORDER.
EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER SCHEDULED TO VISIT REGION EARLY
FEBRUARY WILL INVESTIGATE FURTHER AND REPORT ANY
SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.
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